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Merton

PLANNING STUDY

Including Deerfield and Saw Whet Golf Courses

The town is hosting a drop-in open house right before the April 14th Planning and Development (P & D) Council meeting to provide information on the draft preferred plan for the future long term use of the Merton Lands. Following the drop-in open house, P & D Council is hosting a [statutory public meeting](#) where the public can provide input on the Merton Planning Study and draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) to Council. For the full report and study, please visit the Town's [website](#).

Monday, April 14, 2014
Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road
Drop-in open house 5-7 p.m. – South Atrium
P & D Council Meeting at 7 p.m. – Council Chamber

This statutory public meeting is where residents may delegate on the Staff Report, draft preferred plan, and draft OPA. **No decisions or vote will be made at this P & D Council meeting.**

Town staff will be reporting at a later meeting with a recommendation on a preferred plan and OPA. At this time, it is expected that this will be at the next P & D Council meeting on June 9th.

There are two major landowners within the study area, Bronte Green Corporation (owners of Saw Whet) and the Province of Ontario (owners of Deerfield). Both have expressed interest in developing their property and have initiated technical studies in support of future development applications. The Livable Oakville Plan requires that these lands be studied comprehensively prior to any redevelopment. With this policy in place, it provides the Town of Oakville with the ability to set the terms of reference for the studies in the context of all the lands south of Upper Middle Road to QEW. The town has also retained a group of consultants and, in coordination with town staff, are reviewing these technical studies.

Your Oakville Town council and Halton Regional council have both unanimously asked the Province to put all of the lands designated as Natural Heritage System in the Regional Plan and adjacent lands used by the Town for parks purposes into the Greenbelt. The Hon. Kevin Flynn, MPP has also made this request to his Government.



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Many residents have stated that since the Town of Oakville has met provincially mandated growth targets and this possible development is not wanted, council is able to 'Just say NO' - I wish that it was this easy. Land use rights are ensured and protected by provincial laws and regulations, and arbitrary decisions against development have never stood

up. Without a Planning Study, developers are able to submit an application for whatever density and land use that they want. Any landowner who has submitted an application can either appeal a decision of Council or, if no decision is made within 180 days, appeal the application to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Without planning in place on these lands, there is a strong likelihood that the OMB would make the decision on behalf of the Town of Oakville. In the absence of a plan, the developer would be taking control of the process, placing the town and our residents on the defensive.

Through this planning process that Council directed, Town staff has identified sensitive environmental lands which will reduce the possible developable area to just under 20% of the Merton lands.

The loss of any of this space would be tragic. My hope is that the Province, who owns a substantial portion of these lands, will cancel its plans to sell, allowing for protection of this green space. If the province does not sell these lands, no developer will be able to develop them.



Brush Pick-Up & Spring Clean-Up



Brush collection was suspended at the end of January since the heavy snowfalls were severely impeding progress. Town collection of the remaining brush from the December ice storm has restarted. This work will complement the Region's bulk brush collection program which has now started and continues to the end of May. The Region's service will be provided in much the same manner as the current bulk brush program provided to Oakville with the exception that households will not be required to call Halton to schedule collection during this time. Due to our other spring clean-up activities, however, the town will be collecting brush that exceeds the Region's size restrictions. Residents requiring large bulk brush pick up should contact [ServiceOakville](mailto:ServiceOakville@halton.ca) by email or by phone at 905-845-6601 to schedule this service. Halton will collect one brush pile per property, a maximum of 3m (10 ft) long and 1.2m (4 ft) high with branches no longer than 2m (6.5 ft) in length and no wider than 7.5cm (3 inches) in diameter. Brush should be piled on the boulevard area between the road and sidewalks and must be free of loose debris such as leaves and trimmings. Bulk brush is scheduled to be collected on the same day as regular yard waste; however, based on the potential volume of brush material

at the curbside, there may be minor delays.

Roadside Litter - Road litter collection will commence this week and will continue through May.

Road and sidewalk sweeping and flushing - Road and sidewalk sweeping and flushing is starting and will last approximately 6 weeks.

Spring Loose Leaf Collection - [Annual](#) Collection (one collection per zone) will commence on April 22, 2014.

April 22 to April 25 - Zones 1, 3, 4, and 10

April 28 to May 2 - Zones 5, 6, 7, and 9



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Sidewalk Plowing Sod Damage



Update from the Town's Works Operations:

While operators strive to minimize sod damage, some degree of damage is inevitable with sidewalk plowing. Sod damage is common throughout town each season, and not only in areas with narrower sidewalks. Deep or drifted snow conditions often completely hide the sidewalk edge. When sod is frozen, damage is minimized; however, when sod is not frozen, as with the recent March Break snow event, it lifts away very easily and damage can be extensive. Often, the sod removed is overgrowth growing onto the sidewalk. Sidewalk plows are required to be large machines in order to effectively plow deep snow when needed. The issue of snow getting “trampled” under the wheels has been extreme this season due to the development and persistence of snowbanks along the sidewalks, which redirects snow back onto the sidewalk during subsequent plowings. The town has experimented with plow blade modifications without success and continues to survey the marketplace for narrower equipment that might provide satisfactory plowing performance. We are also currently working with a vendor on a factory-modified blade trial. Operators are instructed to lift their blades if a portion of sidewalk is already cleared, although it may take a few metres for the snow

to cast off of the blade before they can lift it.

The town routinely carries out sod repairs in spring. Damaged areas can be reported through [ServiceOakville](mailto:ServiceOakville@oakville.ca) by email or by phone at 905-845-6601. Staff will review the damage, clean-up the area and make any required repairs.

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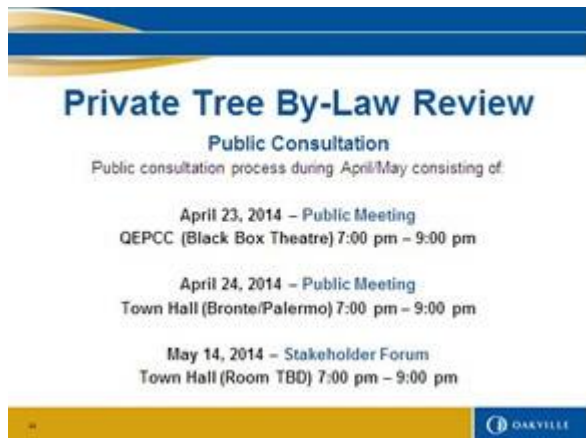
Private Tree By-Law Review

The town's Private Tree Protection by-law was approved and put in place in 2008. It is time to review the performance of this by-law to ensure the rules and regulations around trees on private property continue to reflect community priorities and expectations. This [by-law](#) sets out regulations that limit the cutting of trees, and prescribes steps and permissions

that must be obtained for removing trees from private lands.

It is important for landowners to understand how the by-law applies to them and their property. One important aspect of property ownership and trees, highlighted by the by-law, is the understanding that trees can in fact be the property of two (or more) landowners. If the tree trunk, at ground level, straddles or is bisected by a property line, you will need the written consent of the property owner(s) adjacent to your property in order to apply for a permit to remove this tree. A vital part of this by-law review is public input through public meetings, e-mail and written submissions. Council will likely be reviewing the recommendations of the by-law review by the end of the second quarter of 2014.

For more information about the regulations around tree removal, please contact ServiceOakville by [email](#) or by phone at 905-845-6601.



Private Tree By-Law Review
Public Consultation
Public consultation process during April/May consisting of:

- April 23, 2014 – Public Meeting
QEPC (Black Box Theatre) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- April 24, 2014 – Public Meeting
Town Hall (Bronte/Palermo) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- May 14, 2014 – Stakeholder Forum
Town Hall (Room TBD) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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Downtown Oakville

The Downtown Plan comprises two studies — the Downtown Cultural Hub and the Downtown Transportation and Streetscape. The [Downtown Cultural Hub Study](#) will explore opportunities to create a downtown cultural and performing arts space including: a performing arts centre, art gallery, library, outdoor program space, and indoor cultural space or digital hub that will become the cultural, social, and economic heart of our community.

The [Downtown Transportation and Streetscape Study](#) will assess the current traffic and roadway conditions in downtown Oakville and create recommendations to enhance the roadways, beautify streets, improve pedestrian/cycle ways and revitalize the Towne Square, by introducing design standards as well as increasing connectivity, mobility and accessibility. For further details or to RSVP for this meeting at Town Hall, please visit [Downtown Plan](#).



Preliminary options!
OPEN HOUSE & WORKSHOP, APRIL 12
Join us on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon for an open house and workshop!
Get an update on the Downtown Plan project and participate in a hands-on workshop as we work through a set of preliminary options. Children are welcome.

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OCO presents Concerto Competition Winners & Benefactors Concert – May 3 & May 4



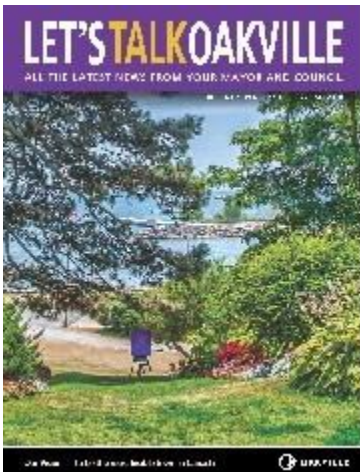
The Oakville Chamber Orchestra proudly presents the Junior and Senior category grand prize winners from the Oakville Chamber Orchestra's inaugural concerto competition. Come and see some of the GTA's most outstanding young artists shine at this new Saturday night venue! Tickets available at [Oakville Chamber Orchestra](#) or by phone at 905-483-6787.

Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 pm St. John's United Church, 262 Randall St
Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 pm St. Simons Anglican Church, 1450 Litchfield Rd
Enjoy dinner before or after the concert at one of their fabulous restaurant partners.

Bru Restaurant, 138 Lakeshore Rd E (905) 844-4400
Corks Restaurant, 305 Lakeshore Rd E (905) 337-3777
Julia's Ristorante, 312 Lakeshore Blvd (905) 844-7401
Maluca Restaurant, 142 Lakeshore Road E, (905) 842-6111
Mye Restaurant, 143 Church St (905) 849-8989
Seasons Restaurant, 134 Lakeshore Road E (905) 844-0676
Ritorno, 261 Oak Walk Dr (905) 257-58



Let's Talk Oakville



The Spring 2014 issue of *Let's Talk Oakville* is being delivered to all Oakville Households. This publication is delivered twice each year in an effort to keep Oakville Residents informed of important issues and events in our town and to foster dialogue between residents and Councillors. The new issue is also available online at [Let's Talk Oakville](#).

Thank you,

